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1. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS LISBON'S COMPREHENSIVE AND IMAGINATIVE POLICY ASSESSMENT, WHICH WAS REVIEWED IN AN INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON JUNE 16. THE INTERAGENCY GROUP CONSIDERED PORTUGAL'S CURRENT SITUATION AND PROSPECTS AND APPROVED BY CONSENSUS A LIST OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES/ACTIONS BASED ON THE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT WHICH SHOULD GUIDE THE WORK OF ALL MISSION ELEMENTS. (A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE

MEETING WILL BE POUCHED TO LISBON).

2. THE APPROVED LIST OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES/ACTIONS
FOLLOWS:

OBJECTIVES:

--CONSOLIDATION OF A STABLE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY.

--STRENGTHENED PORTUGUESE TIES WITH THE WESTERN COMMUNITY
AND ITS INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING NATO AND THE EC.

--SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

--RETENTION OF AZORES MILITARY FACILITIES FOR BOTH NATO
SUPPORT AND OTHER EXISTING U.S. RIGHTS, IN-
CLUDING TRANSIT.

--CONTINUED PORTUGUESE COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL POLI-
TICAL ISSUES AND IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

POLICIES/ACTIONS:

--CONTINUE U.S. SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT ON A
BASIS OF SHARED VALUES THROUGH PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HIGH
LEVEL VISITS, AND APPROPRIATE USE OF CULTURAL AND INFORMA-
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TIONAL PROGRAMMING.

--TIMELY PROVISION OF ADEQUATE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
(ESPECIALLY EUROPEAN) ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

--ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AMONG THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

--ENCOURAGE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS TO CONTINUE
EFFORTS TO OVERCOME COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE BUREAUCRACY,
MEDIA, EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND AGRICULTURE.

--AVOID ANY IMPLIED OR EXPLICIT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE
QUESTION OF THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE AZORES WHICH IS
A DOMESTIC PORTUGUESE ISSUE.

--USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE EUROPE'S STAKE IN
AND SENSE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING PORTU-
GAL'S DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION, INCLUDING PROVISION OF
ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND LABOR ASSISTANCE (LEADING CONCOM-
MITANTLY TO LOWER RELATIVE U.S. VISIBILITY).

--ENCOURAGE A MORE REALISTIC PORTUGUESE APPRECIATION OF

LEVELS AND DELIVERY RATES OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

--ENCOURAGE PORTUGAL TO CONTINUE ITS CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE IMF AND TO CARRY THROUGH WITH A WELL-DESIGNED ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM THAT EMPHASIZES, INTER ALIA, INCREASED PRIVATE SECTOR CONFIDENCE AND INVESTMENT, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AND TRADE ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS.

--ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERATE, DEMOCRATICALLY ORIENTED LABOR MOVEMENT.

--CONTINUE POLITE BUT PERSISTENT PRESSURE TOWARD RESOLVING DISPUTES INVOLVING U.S. FIRMS.

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--PROMPTLY CONCLUDE AN AZORES AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF WHITE HOUSE-APPROVED GUIDANCE.

--TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PORTUGAL'S INFLUENCE AND UNIQUE TIES WITH AFRICA TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL EVOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

--CONSULT PORTUGAL ON, AND ENCOURAGE ITS SUPPORT FOR, U.S. INITIATIVES IN THE UN AND OTHER BODIES, E.G. ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- REMIND PORTUGUESE THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE AZORES AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE OPERATIONS THERE ARE PARTS OF PORTUGAL'S CONTRIBUTION TO NATO'S COLLECTIVE CAPACITY TO RESIST ARMED ATTACK. CHRISTOPHER

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